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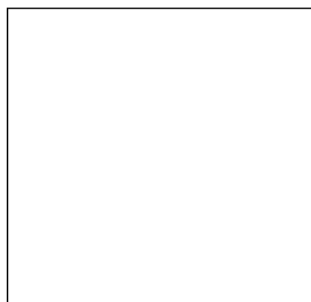
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TO: Acting Director of Congressional
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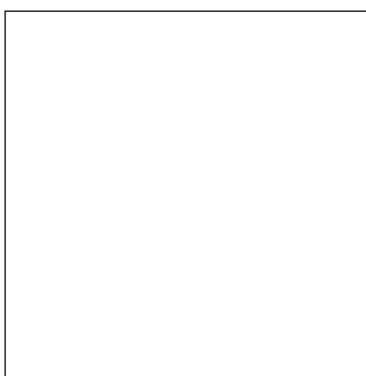
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FROM: Executive Secretary

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Congressional Affairs

FROM: Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: FY 88 Legislative Initiative: DCI Succession

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1. It seems to me the time has come to do something about establishing, in law, an orderly succession to the office of the DCI. The fact that we do not have such is something I have discussed with [] off and on over the last two years on those occasions when neither the DCI nor the DDCI were available to exercise their responsibilities.

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2. We have attempted to "make do" on those occasions when both the DCI and DDCI were absent by issuing a rather complicated (and confusing) memo indicating the Executive Director and/or the senior Deputy (by date of appointment) is authorized to act for the DCI in some areas. (We have, in fact, had two instances in the last year when the DCI, DDCI and EXDIR have all been absent.) While most routine paperwork can be acted upon by someone else or held until the DCI/DDCI is available, this is not a satisfactory situation: similarly, the fact that there are certain functions which only the DCI/DDCI can perform is a potentially dangerous situation.

3. In addition to routine absences occasioned by leave, travel, etc., there are two other situations which come to mind supporting the need for such a statute: a change of Administration (where it is possible that neither the DCI nor DDCI positions will be filled); and a major national emergency in which it is possible that both the DCI and DDCI could be killed or otherwise incapacitated []

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4. Given the uncertainty of world events, the important activities of CIA in support of the United States, and the need to have someone able to execute all of the authorities and responsibilities vested in the DCI by law, it is important to establish a line of succession which guarantees continuity of the office of the DCI at all times.

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cc: Executive Director
General Counsel
Comptroller

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